

# TASC FACT SHEET

**The Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) will replace the 2002 GED® Test in January 2014:** In response to the announcement by GEDTS that a new GED® test beginning in January 2014 would be completely computer based (CBT) and would cost \$120 per test (more than twice the current expense to New York State), the New York State Education Department (NYSED) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to ensure that the State offers a High School Equivalency test that is both affordable, flexible, and accessible. CTB McGrawHill's TASC was selected.

## **Format of TASC:**

The new test will be **similar in structure to the current GED® test**, including:

- Available in English and Spanish
- Braille, large print and audio versions are available
- Sections for writing, reading, math, science, and social studies
- The test must also include one essay, with the remainder primarily multiple choice
- Length will be comparable to current GED® test (approx. 9 hours total)

The test will be gradually aligned to the **Common Core State Standards** over the next three years (2014-2016).

The test will be **available in both paper based (PBT) and online computer based (CBT) format**. In the first year (2014), NYSED will pilot the online computer based testing in 13 sites. In the second year (2015), up to 40% of tests may be administered on computer, and in the third year (2016), up to 60% of the tests may be administered on computer.

**Available in All Approved Testing Centers:** The paper based test will be offered at all 269 NYSED approved HSE test centers statewide.

**Testing is Free and Accommodations are Available:** The TASC will be free to New Yorkers. CTB McGraw Hill will provide accommodations for testers with special needs.

**How to Prepare:** Both online and paper based readiness assessments and instructional materials are being developed.

**For More Information:** Go to [www.tasctest.com](http://www.tasctest.com) and <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/aepp/>